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SUBJECT: US NOTE ON NUCLEAR VENTING

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1. EUR/SOV DIRECTOR GARRISON CALLED IN SOVIET CHARGE

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VORONTSOV AUGUST 27 TO PRESENT US NOTE ON VENTING OF

NUCLEAR TESTS. US NOTE WAS REPLY TO SOVIET NOTE OF APRIL 13 (REFTEL). TEXT OF US NOTE FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT: THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ACKNOWLEDGES ITS RECEIPT ON APRIL 13, 1976 OF A NOTE BY WHICH THE EMBASSY OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS REPLIED TO A NOTE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE DATED DECEMBER 23, 1975, WHICH CONCERNED THE TREATY BANNING NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS IN THE ATMOSPHERE, IN OUTER SPACE AND UNDER WATER, SIGNED AT MOSCOW ON AUGUST 5, 1963.

IN ITS NOTE OF APRIL 13, 1976, THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT STATED IN PART, IN TRANSLATION, THAT "....THE SOVIET SIDE CANNOT BUT DIRECT THE ATTENTION OF THE AMERICAN SIDE TO THE FACT THAT THE APPROPRIATE SOVIET MONITORING SERVICES HAVE MORE THAN ONCE REGISTERED OUTSIDE THE NATIONAL BORDERS OF THE USA THE APPEARANCE OF RADIOACTIVE PRODUCTS FROM NUCLEAR TESTS

CONDUCTED BY THE USA. SUCH RADIOACTIVE PRODUCTS WERE DETECTED, IN PARTICULAR, FROM EXPLOSIONS CONDUCTED BY THE USA ON JANUARY 3 AND FEBRUARY 4, 1976."

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TAKES THIS OCCASION TO DECLARE THAT CLOSE MONITORING OF THE EXPLOSIONS CARRIED OUT ON JANUARY 3 AND FEBRUARY 4 CONFIRMED THAT THE CAREFUL PRECAUTIONS TAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE ITS STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE 1963 TREATY OF MOSCOW WERE SUCCESSFUL. THEREFORE, WITH RESPECT TO THESE ALLEGATIONS BY THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS CONFIDENT THAT ITS UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS CONDUCTED ON JANUARY 3 AND FEBRUARY 4, 1976 DID NOT RESULT IN THE PRESENCE OF RADIOACTIVE DEBRIS OUTSIDE THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

IT IS THE POLICY AND PRACTICE OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN CARRYING OUT ALL UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TESTS TO TAKE STRINGENT MEASURES TO ENSURE STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE 1963 TREATY OF MOSCOW. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS OF THE VIEW THAT SUCH COMPLIANCE BY ALL CONFIDENTIAL

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PARTIES IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE FOR MAINTAINING THE INTEGRITY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS TREATY, AND, IN THE CASE OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF THE SOVIET UNION, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MUTUAL CONFIDENCE NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THEIR CONTINUING EFFORTS TO REGULATE NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ASSUMES

THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST
REPUBLICS FULLY SHARES THESE VIEWS. END TEXT.

2. GARRISON CALLED VORONTSOV'S ATTENTION IN PARTICULAR
TO THIRD PARAGRAPH OF US NOTE IN WHICH US DENIED SOVIET
ALLEGATIONS THAT US NUCLEAR TESTS RESULTED IN PRESENCE OF
RADIOACTIVE DEBRIS OUTSIDE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF US.
VORONTSOV EXPRESSED SKEPTICISM ABOUT US DENIAL BUT SAID
HE WOULD TRANSMIT US NOTE TO MOSCOW. KISSINGER

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